

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 26 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Caveney et al. under 35 USC 103; and Claims 17-19 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent from rejected parent claims. Claims 1-16 and 21-26 have been cancelled, Claim 27 has been inserted, and consequently, Claims 17-20 and 27 are now active in this patent application.

The interview with Examiner Trinh is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated as a means for expediting this patent application toward allowance. During the course

of the interview with the Applicant's representative, new Claim 27 was fully discussed in light of the cited prior art of Caveney et al., and it was agreed that Claim 27 patentably defined over such cited prior art.

More particularly, it is noted that Claim 27 now recites the fact that the means for engaging the electrical connector so as to precisely locate and laterally immobilize the electrical connector upon the base fixture such that the set of insertion dies can accurately insert the electrical wires into the electrical connector is always immovably mounted upon the base fixture. As further recited, for example, within Claims 18 and 19, such means fixedly mounted upon the base fixture comprises a header having a plurality of pins wherein first portions of the plurality of pins operatively engage the electrical connector, while second portions of the plurality of pins are provided for electrical connection to testing equipment by means of which the proper electrical connections between the electrical wires and the electrical contact members of the electrical connector can be verified.

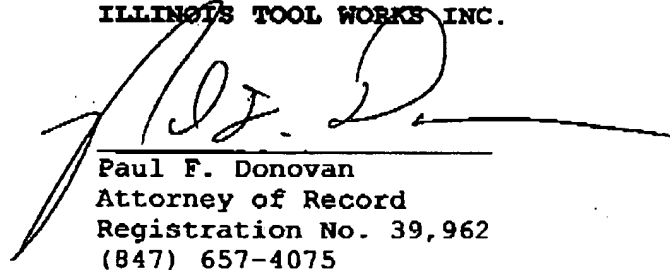
This is to be patentably distinguished from the system of Caveney et al. wherein the means for engaging the electrical connector comprises the upstanding pins 112, as can best be seen in FIGURES 14 and 15, however, such pins 112 are disposed upon a pivotally movable, spring-biased arm 108. This is clearly set forth within the disclosure of Caveney et al. as can be readily appreciated from the description set forth at Column 5, line 55 through Column 6, line 19 wherein the entire discussion is directed toward the pivotal movement of the lever arm 108 and the fingers 112 mounted thereon in order to align the fingers 112 for entrance into the apertures 58 of the electrical connector. It is therefore submitted that Claim 27 patentably defines over the cited prior art of Caveney et al.

It is lastly noted that Claims 27 has been amended so as to effectively overcome the objection to previous independent Claim 26, and in addition, Claim 19 has also been amended so as to appropriately meet the objections of the examiner. Still further, all of the claims withdrawn from consideration in view of the previously made restriction requi-

rement have now been cancelled, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the requirements of the examiner have been met.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

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